

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0036251

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Site	Cardiff Energy Recovery Facility	Permit Ref	LP3030XA		
Operator/Permit holder	Viridor Waste Management Ltd				
Regime	Installations				
Date of assessment	06/12/2019	Time in	10:00	Out	14:00
Assessment type	Report/Data Review				
Parts of the permit assessed	Monitoring, emissions, abatement and residues assessment				
Lead officer's name	Leakey, Antony				
Accompanied by					
Recipient's name/position	Gwyn Jones/ HSE Manager	Date issued	29/01/2020		

Section 1 – Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations or the licence under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. A detailed explanation is captured in "Compliance Assessment Report Detail" (Section 2) and any actions you may need to take are given in the "Action(s)" (section 4). This summary details where we believe any non-compliance with the permit has occurred, the relevant condition and how the non-compliance has been categorised using our Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS). CCS Scores can be consolidated or suspended where appropriate, to reflect the impact of some non-compliances more accurately. For more details of our CCS scheme, contact your local office.

Permit conditions and compliance summary	CCS Category	Condition(s) breached
B1 - Infrastructure - Engineering for prevention and control of emissions	A	
B5 - Infrastructure - Plant and equipment	A	
C1 - General Management - Staff competency/training	A	
E1 - Emissions - Air	A	
E5 - Emissions - Waste	A	
G1 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Monitoring of emissions and environment	A	

KEY: See Section 5 for breach categories, suspended scores will be indicated as such.

A = Assessed or assessed in part (no evidence of non-compliance), **X** = Action only,

O = Ongoing non-compliance, not scored.

Number of breaches recorded	0	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	0
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If the Number of breaches recorded is greater than zero, please see Section 3 for our proposed enforcement response

Section 2 – Compliance Assessment Report Detail

This section contains a report of our findings and will usually include information on:

- The part(s) of the permit that were assessed (eg. Maintenance, training, combustion plant, etc)
- Where the type of assessment was 'Data Review' details of the report/results triggering the assessment
- Any non-compliances identified
- Any non-compliances with directly applicable legislation
- Details of any multiple non-compliances
- Information on the compliance score accrued inc.
- Details of advice given
- Any other areas of concern
- Any actions requested
- Any examples of good practice
- A reference to photos taken

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Sulphur dioxide ELV exceedance

The 30-minute average SO₂ ELV was exceeded on 19 August 2019, previously scored as a minor category 3 breach of permit condition 3.1.2 due to the limited potential for the 15-minute Air Quality Standard to be exceeded during the event.

A review of the process operating conditions at the time of the event showed that the acid gas abatement was operating at 100% output and the back-up lime dosing system can take too long to bring into service when dealing with a short-term excursion such as this. High HCl in the raw gas, presumably associated with unidentified high chlorine content material in the waste feed, appeared to overwhelm the acid gas abatement resulting in poor concurrently high raw gas SO₂ absorption leading to the ELV breach.

The event raises the possibility that the plant does not have the full capability to deal with the range of waste variability that might be encountered.

Previous daily and 30-minute average HCl ELV exceedances during 2019 are presumably due to the same waste feed variability, indicating that further measures may be necessary to improve response to such events.

Previous experience of these types of events described by the shift leader on duty during the visit seem to suggest that the second lime feed system can be deployed to deal with such situations, but the system is not currently set up to allow rapid response by the plant operator. A review of these systems and options to allow a more automated or speedy manual response is required to minimise the risk of future ELV exceedance.

ACTION: Viridor to review acid gas abatement plant capability and potential for improvements and provide an update on progress by 31 March 2020.

NO_x abatement abnormal operation

The 30-minute average NO_x ELV was exceeded on 4 November 2019 due to a urea blockage in the storage silo outlet. This period of operation is covered by the abnormal operation provision in the Industrial Emissions Directive and therefore is not a breach of permit condition 3.1.2. Urea blockages are experienced due to the use of bulk storage of this hygroscopic material, whereas other plants use semi-bulk urea supplies which appear to be less prone to blockage. NRW understands that a review of the urea handling system at Trident Park is being undertaken.

ACTION: Viridor to review urea handling system and potential for improvements and provide an update on progress by 31 March 2020.

IBA assessment

2018 and 2019 WM3 assessments of IBA have been reviewed.

IBA might normally be considered hazardous based on HP4/6 and HP14. However, the latest report supplies additional information based on the IBA studies that show:

- Although the pH is above the WM3 limit, using in vitro methods has shown that the waste is not an irritant / corrosive.
- HP14 ecotoxic compounds are above the threshold, but detailed analysis has speciated the zinc and copper compounds to show that they are generally not present in ecotoxic forms.

On this basis permit condition 3.1.4 has been complied with. However, Viridor's request to reduce assessment frequency to 2-yearly is not supported by the latest report due to the inherent variability in the waste feed which must preclude any longer testing interval than that currently set

Emissions review

The plant has been operational during the Q3 and Q4 emissions and reporting review period.

An outage during July resulted in one invalid NOx daily average due to a part day following start up.

Note, however, that part 1 of the recently published Data Acquisition and Handling Systems (DAHS) standard BS EN 17255-1:2019 defines a valid daily average as one covered by at least 6 hours of valid short-term averages (STA). In the case of the July start up there were enough valid STAs (7½ hours) and presumably no more than 5 invalid STAs to constitute a valid daily average upon implementation of BS EN 17255-1:2019. The Standard will also affect other aspects of monitoring data processing and reporting. Viridor should start to discuss requirements with their DAHS supplier to ensure that the new standard requirements can be implemented in a reasonable time frame.

ACTION: Viridor to review DAHS Standard requirements and provide an update on progress at next site visit.

All emissions and reports other than the specific cases discussed in this report are compliant with the permit limits.

END

EPR Compliance Assessment Report

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Section 3 – Enforcement Response

You must take immediate action to rectify any non-compliance and prevent repetition. Non-compliance with your permit conditions constitutes an offence and can result in criminal prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of a permit. Please read the detailed assessment in Section 2 and the steps you need to take in Section 4 below.

Other than the provision of advice and guidance, at present we do not intend to take further enforcement action in respect of the non-compliance identified above. This does not preclude us from taking enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or advice isn't followed.

Section 4 – Action(s)

This section summarises the actions identified during the assessment along with the timescales for when they will need to be completed.

Criteria Ref.	CCS Category	Action required/advised	Due Date
See Section 1 above			

Section 5 – Compliance notes for the Operator

To ensure you correct actual or potential non-compliance we may

- Advise on corrective actions verbally or in writing
- Require you to take specific actions verbally or in writing
- Issue a notice
- Require you to review your procedures or management system
- Change some of the conditions of your permit
- Decide to undertake a full review of your permit

Any breach of a permit condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you

- We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance either after an offence is committed or where we consider that an offence is likely to be committed. This is without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.
- Enforcement action can include the issue of a formal caution, prosecution, the service of a notice and/or suspension or revocation of the permit.

See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information

This report does not relieve the site operator of the responsibility to

- Ensure you comply with the conditions of the permit at all times and prevent pollution of the environment
- Ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply

Non-compliance scores and categories

CCS category	Description	Score
C1	A non-compliance that could have a major environmental effect	60
C2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect	31
C3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect	4
C4	A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect	0.1

Operational Risk Appraisal (Opra) - Compliance assessment findings may affect your Opra score and/or your charges. This score influences the resource we use to assess permit compliance.

Section 6 – General information

Data protection notice

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- Offering/providing you with its literature/services relating to environmental matters
- Consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (eg. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- Carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- Providing public register information to enquirers
- Investigating possible breaches of environmental law
- Assessing customer service satisfaction and improving its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Regulations request

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Customer charter

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Welsh Language

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